Assemblymember Chau honors 'Women of the Year' during district ceremony

Assemblymember Ed Chau (D-Monterey Park) presented eight outstanding women of the 49th Assembly District with the 2014 Women`s History Month Leadership Award during a ceremony in the City of San Gabriel. The award presented was in recognition of distinguished service in the areas of business, the non-profit sector, education, community volunteerism, and social services. The recipients of this distinguished recognition are:

Patsy Harbicht, Community Volunteer; Chua B. Hua, President, Southern California Fukienese Association; Rebecca Huang, Founder, Friends of the Bad Weather Shelter/Student, East Los Angeles Community College; Floretta Lauber, Co-Founder/President, Arcadia Historical Museum Foundation; Olivia Liao, President, Joint Chinese University Alumni Association; Rita Padilla, Chairwoman, Board of Directors, Temple City Chamber of Commerce; Franca Scorscone, Financial Secretary, Italian Catholic Federation Branch 326, and Amy Wong, Committee Member, Rosemead Beautification Committee.

Beacon Media's social editor, Floretta Lauber was one of the recipients. -*Courtesy Photo*

"I am proud to acknowledge and commend these eight outstanding women whose dedication and commitment to their communities have improved the quality of life for so many people of the 49th Assembly District," said Assemblymember Ed Chau. "These inspiring women are the role models for our future leaders."

Assemblymember Chau serves as Chair of the Standing Committee on Housing and Community Development and Chair of the Select Committee on Privacy and is a member of the Assembly Committees on Banking and Finance; Judiciary, and Labor and Employment; Cities in the 49th Assembly District includes: Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and portions of Montebello and South El Monte.

Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run & Walk

Mission Model Contest open to statewide entries

San Gabriel Mission`s History Day on Saturday, April 5, will feature the 10th Annual Model Mission Exhibit and Contest scheduled from noon to 3 p.m. that is co-sponsored by the Ramona Museum of California History in San Gabriel and San Gabriel Mission.

Each year, thousands of fourth-grade elementary school students in California build a model of a California mission using various materials. And, this year an Any Age resident in Northern California individual or group/family mission model-building project category is included to go along with the fourth grade category and any age in Southern California category.

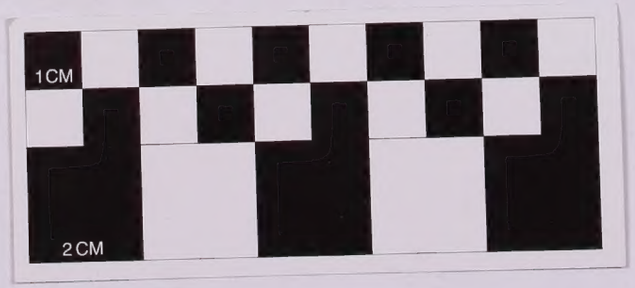
"We have had some interest in participating in previous years from people living in Northern California," said mission spokesperson Chuck Lyons. "So, we have created a category for any age resident in Northern California so an individual or group from other parts of California can participate. Some day we vision the other 20 missions having a contest and

Mission Bells -*Photo by Terry Miller*

from San Gabriel Mission.

The models can be of any of the 21 missions in

their completed model and sign-in between 11:15 a.m. and noon on April 5,



Saturday, April 5

Starting from an authentic starting gate, one of LA's largest and most beautiful 5K courses travels through the LA County Arboretum and ends on the historic Santa Anita track. Plus, you will receive a free Derby Day T-Shirt and will get free admission to watch and wager on the $1,000,000 Santa Anita Derby.

For on-line and walk-in registration information, go to www.kinaneevents.com or call 760-434-5255.

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would meet at San Gabriel Mission for a grand contest."

Entry forms can be delivered or mailed no later than March 31.

This year, up to $550 total in cash or prizes is waiting to be won. All contestants will receive a gift from San Gabriel Mission, announced the mission spokesperson.

Categories are fourth grade student at any public or private school in Southern California, person or group of any age living in Southern California, and person or group of any age living in Northern California. The winner of each category will receive $75, second place will receive $50, and third place will receive $25. In addition, there will be a $100 prize for the Overall Model Champion, two Director`s Awards, and the school with the most participation will be awarded $100 in history books, maps and more

ous materials, and include the church, other buildings and gardens, and should be no larger than three feet by three feet square or 2 feet by 4 feet rectangle.

Interested persons should visit mission`s web site www.sangabrielmission.org or mission`s gift shop at 427 S. Junipero Serra Dr. in San Gabriel to get more information and the entry form. An entry form must be delivered or mailed no later than March 31. The fee to enter is only regular admission to the museum when contestants arrive on April 5. A parent or guardian age 18 or older must be with the student during the contest and pay a regular admission fee.

Admission prices are free for age five and younger, $3 for age 6 through 17, and $5 for age 18 and older. The mission museum and gardens will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 5.

Contestants must bring

viewing and judging no later than noon. Models will be displayed until 3 p.m. Contestants can keep their model after the contest.

San Gabriel Mission History Day was created so a few Saturdays a year visitors can learn more about mission history: people, cultures, events, buildings, artwork, artifacts, plant life and more. Some months a contest is scheduled.

Free self-parking is available on a first-come basis in the church lot at the intersection of Mission Road and Junipero Serra Drive. The address is 427 S. Junipero Serra Dr., San Gabriel, CA 91776. Also, free parking is available on streets by the mission. San Gabriel Mission was founded on Sept. 8, 1771 as the fourth oldest of 21 missions in California. The Roman Catholic parish has more than 30 active groups in a language of either English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog (Filipino) or Chinese.

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49TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2014 WOMAN OF THE YEAR
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One page biography

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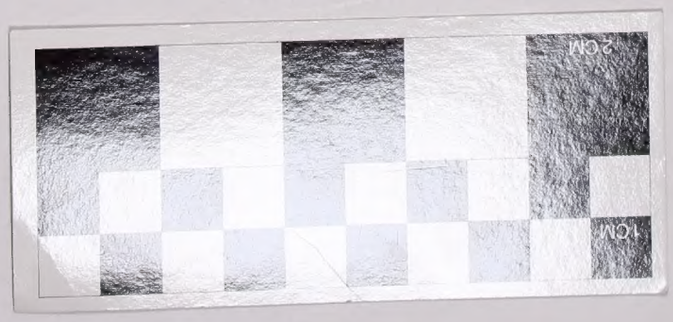

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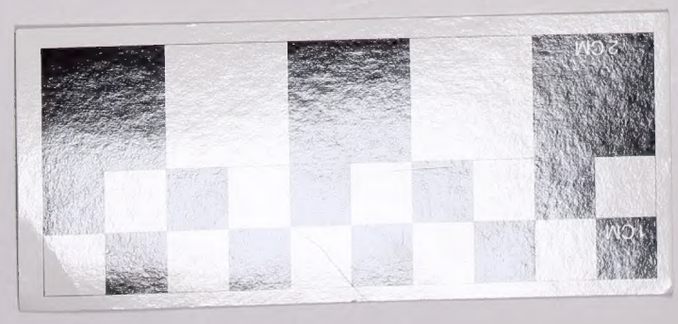


ARCADIA'S FIRST FEMALE MAYOR

By: Floretta K. Lauber

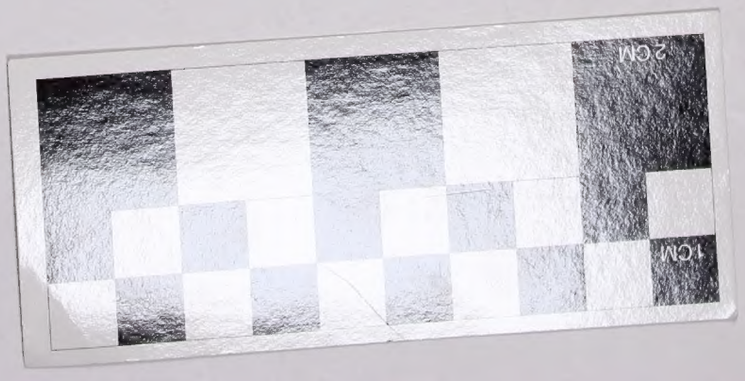
My introduction into the political scene in Arcadia began in 1964, when I was appointed to the Personnel Board. Dale Turner was Mayor and Conrad Reibold, George Forman, Robert Considine and Jess Balser were Council Members. Reibold and Balser were both former Mayors. Jess Balser nominated me to the position after meeting me through his wife Margaret Balser, President of the Arcadia Woman's Club in 1964. I was her Vice President.

Jess used to tell his wife how he thought we should operate the Woman's Club. This was before I knew him and it became annoying to me, so I told her to tell him we wouldn't tell him how to run the city if he wouldn't tell us how to run the Woman's Club! Margaret told him that and the next thing I knew, I was appointed to the Personnel Board. I have often wondered where my life would have turned if I had not spoken up to Council Member Balser that day.

After about a year, a vacancy unexpectedly came up on the Planning Commission and it was here that my life took a dramatic change. Again, Balser nominated me for the vacancy. I was president of the Arcadia Woman's Club that year (1965, the club's heyday), had been very involved with community improvement projects, and was not ambitious politically. There was much speculation about my appointment. REMEMBER, I WOULD BE THE FIRST WOMAN TO SERVE ON THIS COMMISSION. I was ready to turn it down when Margaret Balser took me aside and said, "I would give my right arm for this opportunity. Don't be a fool and miss this opportunity." I respected both of the Balsers and didn't want to let them down, so after much thought I accepted. I was sworn-in in 1965, a meaningful year for me. A tall Dutchman, Bill Kyper, was chairman of the Commission at that time. He called me at home and congratulated and welcomed me to the Arcadia Planning Commission. It was unheard of for a woman to be involved in the business of the city! My nameplate reflected my married name, Mrs. Harry Lauber.

As it turned out, with my previous experience in business, once I became acquainted with the terminology, I enjoyed the challenge. I became a member of the San Gabriel Valley Planning Council and served as their president from 1967 through 1969. This turned out be a great opportunity to learn, as Los Angeles County was working with the Planning Council on their General Plan and the Arcadia Planning Commission had started working on their General Plan at the same time.

In 1967 I was nominated by my colleagues on the Planning Commission to Chair the Commission. I served on the Commission until 1973. The Council kept me on six months over my eight-year term as we were in the final stages of the General Plan and they wanted me to stay. There was acceptance and comradeship from the beginning.



The Council Members in 1966 were D. Robert Arth, Edward Butterworth, Robert Considine, George Forman and Don Hage. In 1968, George Forman was off and Jim Helms was on. In 1972, Considine was off and Alton Scott was on.

The 1974 election was on the horizon. A group of downtown businessmen called me one night from The Derby, where they were holding a meeting. They asked me to run for City Council and promised complete support. I had proven myself on the Planning Commission as we had some of the highest profile items ever come before the city. Redevelopment was new and very controversial (I was a strong supporter). The General Plan, the re-zoning of the Santa Anita Race Track for a shopping mall (I was Chair of the Zoning Committee) - this nearly tore our city apart. One of the men who ran for City Council, Jack Saelid, was opposed to the development. Jack was from the Santa Anita Homeowners Association. He eventually took the matter all the way to the California Supreme Court. His theory was that the mall would pollute our air with the added traffic.

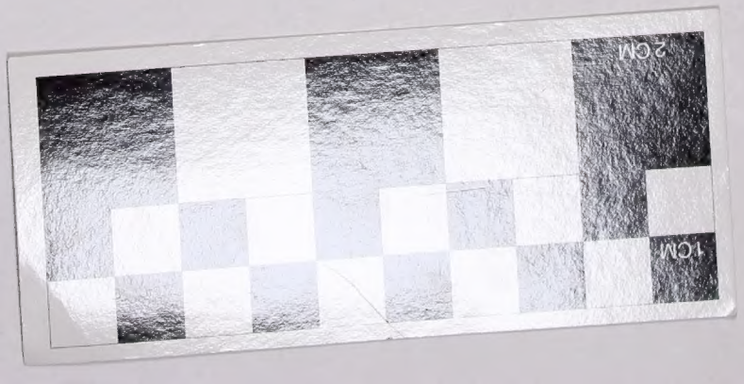
It was an exciting time in the history of Arcadia and after months of public hearings starting with the Planning Commission and then with the City Council (whose public hearings had to be moved to Holly Avenue School Auditorium due to the crowds) _____ _____. The rest is a matter of record.

There were 13 candidates in 1974. The campaigning was exhausting. The three winners were Charles Gilb, Jack Saelid and Floretta Lauber. Alton Scott and Jim Helms were on that Council with us. The track prevailed with the opening of the Santa Anita Mall. I still have my hard hat!

Two years later in 1976 two new members of the Council Were elected – Robert Margett and David Parry. They replaced Scott and Helms.

Again, I WAS THE FIRST WOMAN, and in truth, something I have never addressed publicly is that it was difficult. Gender equality was not the prevailing thinking. There was some prejudice toward me, and resentment of my support for redevelopment and the future mall. I had to fight to be Mayor, as one Council Member had a plan to take over my year. A women's service organization alerted me of backroom dealings. I confronted the Council Member and after the face-to-face meeting and accusation, he backed down. One thing that contributed to the situation was all the publicity I received being the first woman. We take this for granted now, but until 1974 there were few women in elected positions. It was called the "Year of the Woman" because other women were elected, some from large cities such as San Jose, California and Phoenix, Arizona. Women were not considered able to be politic! The husband of a dear friend, Ernest Furst, an active community leader who knew me well, when I asked for his endorsement he told me he was sorry, but felt it was just too hard for a woman to handle!

By the end of my first term, in 1978, my life had changed dramatically. My husband had become a serious heart patient, facing more open heart surgery. I was now a



successful realtor working long hours. These factors helped me decide not to seek re-election. I had been working for the city over 13 years. I needed to be with my husband through his long odyssey of four heart surgeries, before he died in 1988. We were able to travel during these years as his health allowed.

I would not trade the years I spent on the City Council and as the first woman Mayor. The memories are priceless highlights of my life and experiences I will never forget. I will share a few with you.

- Escorted a group of 50 Arcadians on a Friendship Club trip (an auxiliary to the Sister City Commission) to Merida, the capitol of Yucatan, the ruins of Mexico, Cozumel and Cancun, Mexico. We were met by the Mayor from each city and treated like royalty. They wanted me to be escorted by their bodyguards.

- Conceived and hosted the first and only Mayor's Ball (bicentennial). It was a great success with over 300 people attending. There were seven former Mayors and two Council Members attending.

- Flown by helicopter from the lawn in front of the Arcadia Police Station with my husband, as guest of Los Angeles Sheriff Peter Pitchess, to their prison facility near Castaic, for a giant BBQ. We toured the facility where everything was run by inmates. They grown their own food, run the laundry, etc. There is also a training facility for the Sherriff's. I was able to go through several and enjoyed the quick draw.

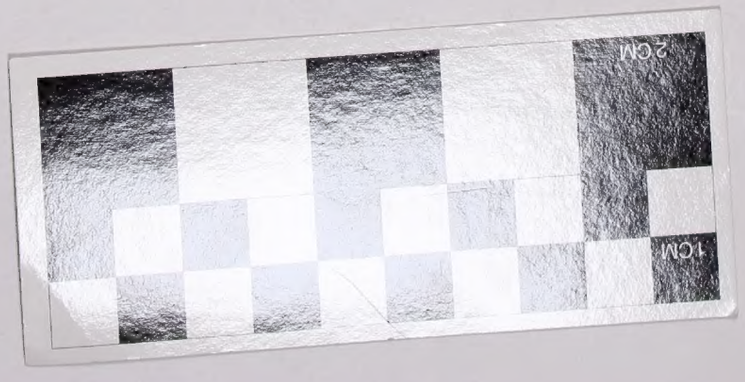
- The official visit of dignitaries from our sister city, Newcastle, Australia. The receptions and private dinner parties were elegant. One had an ice sculpture, hosted by Mary Fran and Bart Anderegg, formerly of Ramona Road in Arcadia.

- The building of our new City Council Auditorium was completed the year I was Mayor. There were flowers and presentations at the official opening. The design still holds up today.

- Asked to speak at dozens of clubs, schools, celebrations, receptions, festivals, Churches, parades, community pageants, and to be in the winner's circle at Santa Anita.

- Mayor Balser should be remembered as the driving force behind sidewalks on at least one side of all streets leading to schools. At one time, the mindset of many Arcadians was the rural look, with no sidewalks. His thrust was the safety of school children who had to walk in the street to get to school. It was a hot topic debated over many months at the Council level.

- I believe Mayor Balser was more forward-thinking of women in a leadership role, due to his long employment (at the management level) with the telephone company, which had a history of hiring women. He prophesied to me shortly



after I joined the Planning Commission, that I would be the first woman on the Council. I laughed at the notion, but history proved him right. I always regretted that both he and his wife died a few years apart of cancer, before that came to fruition.

- Celebrating the Bicentennial.
- The state and national conventions where I was interviewed on the radio and asked to report.
- Co-founder of the Senior Citizen Commission with John Joseph.
- Fought and won a crusade to demand more public restrooms in the new Santa Anita Mall.
- Started the CPR program for the public.

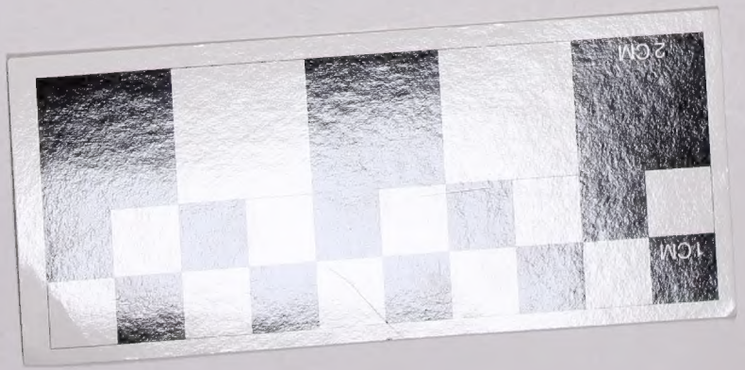
These years of experiences formed a deep love in the core of my soul for this amazing community, a love that continues to this day.

Floretta K. Lauber, Arcadia's first female Mayor

Floretta Lauber was born and raised in Sierra Madre. She and her husband, Harry R. Lauber, and young son Lawrence (Larry), moved to Arcadia in 1956. They built a new home in south Arcadia, where they lived until 1966 when they bought a home on Oaklawn Road, where she resides today. This story covers the early years of her work for Arcadia as an appointed commissioner and the first woman elected to office.

Three years after stepping down from the Council, Lauber co-founded and served as charter president for two years, of the Alpha Auxiliary for Visiting Nurses, affiliated with the Arcadia Methodist Hospital Foundation. She is a life member of the Arcadia Historical Society and was president in 2001, the year the new Historical Museum opened, now named the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. Floretta was a charter commissioner for the Museum and co-founder and charter president of the Museum Foundation. She is at present working to build an Education Center for the Museum, while heading up a new support group for them.

Lauber is a 51-year member and three-time president of the Arcadia Woman's Club and a Sustaining Member of ALA. She is the Social Editor for Beacon Media News (using the byline "Social Whirl"), currently in her 17th year.



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SOME BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING F. LAUBER, SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

ONE YEAR ON THE ARCADIA PERSONNEL BOARD

8 YEARS AND 6 MONTHS ON THE ARCADIA PLANNING COMMISSION,[FIRST WOMEN] ALSO SERVED AS CHAIR.

TWO YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF THE WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY PLANNING COUNCIL. REPRESENTING 15 SURROUNDNG COMMUNITIES.

SERVED ON THE COMMITTEES TO WRITE THE FIRST ARCADIA GENERAL PLAN ALSO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GENERAL PLAN.

FIRST WOMEN ELECTED TO THE ARCADIA CITY COUNCL. AND SERVED AS THE FIRST WOMEN MAYOR.

SERVED ON CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO ALLOW THE SANTA ANITA MALL.AMIST GREAT CONTROVERSY.

SERVED ON C.O.PS.COMMITTEE, [APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCILMAN] TO BUILD THE NEW POLICE STATION.

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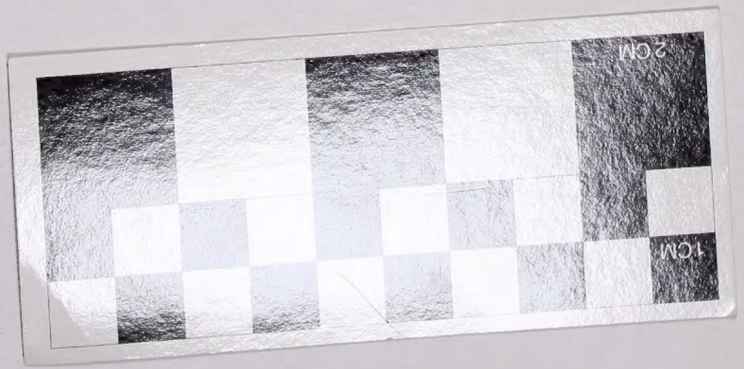
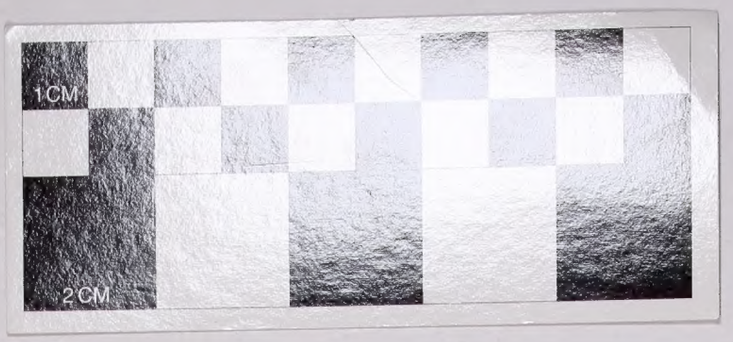
LIFE MEMBER OF THE ARCADIA LIBRARY--METHODIST HOSPITAL--ARCADIA HISTORCAL SOCIETY. WORKED WITH THE P.T.A.FOR YEARS , CHILDHOOD CANCER, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, ARCADIA RED CROSS,SUPPORTS THE CHILD HEALTH COUNCIL ARCADIA THRIFT SHOP,LOCAL CHURCHS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE, FOR THE





DIAMOND JUBILEE

CHAIRED SPECIAL LUNCHEON, FOR DIGNATARIES FOR THE DIAMOND JUBLEE. RECIEVED A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

AS MAYOR,CONCEIVED AND CHAIRED, THE FIRST AND ONLY," MAYORS BALL"FOR THE BICENTENNIAL.OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

WORKING WITH THE VISISTING NURSES ASSOCIATON OF PASDENA, CO-FOUNDED THE ALPHA AUXILIARY, FOR HOME HEALTH CARE, NOW AFFILIATED WITH THE METHODIST HOSPITAL AND WAS CHARTER PRESIDENT FOR TWO YEARS.

AS PRESIDNT OF THE ARCADIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY,WORKED WTH THE CITY ON THE NEW MUSEUM BUILDING. WAS EMCEE OF THE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

HAS BEEN THE PRIME FUNDRAISER FOR THE WOMANS CLUB OF ARCADIA, FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IS A 43 YEAR MEMBER.

Background material for Floretta K. Lauber

Mrs. Lauber first started her service with the City of Arcadia in 1964, when she was appointed to the City Personnel Board. Before her term was up, she was appointed to the Arcadia Planning Commission, by the city Council, where she served for 81/2 years including chairman. At that time she was asked by a group of Arcadia businessmen to run for City Council, which she did and won. The year was 1974 she was elected Mayor by her peers in 1976-77.

Her volunteering for the community with organizations started in 1961, when she joined the Arcadia Woman's Club. She remains an active member to this day and is serving as Centennial Chair for their 100th anniversary in 2014. She is a three time president.

In 1981, she co-Founded the Alpha Auxiliary of The visiting Nurses, later to be affiliated with the Arcadia Methodist Hospital Foundation and served as their charter president for two years.

Mrs. Lauber is a life member of the Arcadia Historical Society, and served as their president in 1999-2001, at which time the new Historical Museum was opened and she was appointed a charter Museum commissioner, for 8 years [two 4 year terms].

While a commissioner a major Gift Committee was formed and Lauber was asked to serve as Chair. From that committee, the Museum Foundation was founded in 2010 and Mrs. Lauber was selected to be president, a position she still holds. Under her direction the new Museum Education center is now under construction, and is to be completed by the summer of 2014.

Mrs. Lauber organized the Founding of the Friends of the Arcadia Museum, in 2013, a group of 9 women who assist the Museum Curator and support the Museum..

Mrs. Lauber is an associate member of the Arcadia Assistance League, the Daughter of the American Revolution, [Santa Anita Chapter]

Floretta Lauber, has served on committees for most of the causes in the city for the past 50 years, a list too long to print.

She resides at her family home on Oaklawn Rd. since 1966. She has one adult son Lawrence [Larry] who now lives in Prescott Arizona.

49TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 2014 WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION OF FLORETTA LAUBER

Significant contributions/community involvement

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Some of the highlights of Floretta's community service include:

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2013 Reconitation - From Congress woman Judy Chu for 5 year effort ~~of~~ building the Education center for the City museum ground breaking ceremony

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I would like to nominate Floretta Lauber to be the Arcadia Senior of the year for 2014.

Floretta Lauber is over 55 years of age and has been a current resident of Arcadia for a number of years.

Floretta's contributions to the community run from being the first female mayor of the city in the 1970's to single handedly raising approximately a half a million dollars to build a new education center in Arcadia in 2014.

Floretta is and has been active in the community always looking to contribute to the good of individuals as well as to Arcadia as a whole. Floretta is a woman of action in the present, building on the past and reaching into the future. She is a true Renaissance person with the ability to do a bit of everything, never afraid of hard work, digging in to get the job done. Floretta is a charismatic leader inspiring others to follow her in working hard to create a better Arcadia. She sees the universal goodness in everyone and embodies the phrase in the Declaration of Independence that says, "All men are created equal," and Floretta means "men" in the true Germanic origin of the word: "Persons."

As a relative new comer to the City of Arcadia, I do not know the details of Floretta's past contributions. What I DO know is that Floretta embraced me without really knowing me and made me feel welcome and needed in Arcadia. She invited me to work along with her as a Friend of the Arcadia Museum. I am walking a new journey now in a new community feeling welcome and needed because of Floretta.

Floretta is ageless because of her vibrancy. She is a 21st century pied piper inviting us all to follow her in creating a better city for the good of everyone. I am honored to know and be a friend of Floretta Lauber, who deserves to be the 2014 Arcadia Senior of the Year.

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Mary Beth Hayes
Director of Library and Museum Services

February 14, 2014

To the Committee to choose the Arcadia Senior Citizen of the Year,

Please accept this letter of recognition for the nomination of Mrs. Floretta Lauber, one of our long-time supporters and volunteers at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage. I would like to join many others in the community of Arcadia in bringing Mrs. Lauber and her continued work and dedication to your attention.

Mrs. Lauber has spent a lifetime contributing to the community of Arcadia in various ways. Her legacy contains many philanthropic and humanitarian efforts, of which are too numerous to list here. She has been a valued leader in the community and is especially dedicated to the advancement of women. She, herself, has made many inroads as the first female in many roles and positions in her life; one of which was becoming the first female Mayor of the City of Arcadia in 1977.

Her valuable advocacy for the continuation of historical education at the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage has been tremendous. In connection, she has served for many years as the President of the Woman's Club of Arcadia, which was the pre-cursor to the local Historical Society established in 1952. This Club was a pioneer in community efforts, which Ms. Lauber continued as President and as a member for over 50 years. Before the current Museum was built, she served on the Arcadia Historical Society's board as President and helped usher in the construction of the Museum in 2001. She sat on the founding Arcadia Museum Commission, which worked laboriously to create the Museum's founding documents and its mission statement. As the Museum has grown, she saw the need for an additional educational space for lectures, workshops and all of our educational programming. She set out to establish the Museum's Foundation, which was established in 2010. She, then, tirelessly labored to communicate the need for a new Museum Education Center to the public. This project is in collaboration with the City of Arcadia and will have its grand opening in the spring of 2014. Mrs. Lauber also recognized the need for a Friends of the Museum group and single-handedly put together its founding Board of eight women who are leaders in the community.

Mrs. Lauber has been a backbone of support for this Museum and the community of Arcadia for decades through her determination, her vision, her fortitude, courage, tenacity and resolve. I feel that your award will bring her lifetime achievements to light and bestow on her the recognition she so richly deserves.

Thank you for your consideration of gifting Mrs. Lauber with the honor of Arcadia's Senior Citizen of the Year.

With thanks and in anticipation,

Dana Hicks

Dana Hicks, Ph.D.
Museum Curator

DAR
Daughters of the American Revolution

November 7, 2013

Ms. Catherine L. Hyman
National Vice Chairman – Historic Preservation Recognition Award
347 Royall Dr.
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-6254

Dear Ms. Hyman,

The Santa Anita Chapter in Arcadia, California, is very pleased to forward the enclosed application package nominating Mrs. Floretta K. Lauber for the Historic Preservation Recognition Award.

Since our Chapter is quite small, we don't have an Historic Preservation Recognition Committee Chairman so I volunteered to prepare the application package for your consideration.

If you have questions, I can be reached at home on 626-445-7188 or at my office on 626-574-5441. I can also be reached by email at billie_tone@yahoo.com. Note the "underscore" between billie and tone. My home address is 424 E. Pamela Road, Arcadia, CA.

Thank you for your consideration. I believe you will find Mrs. Lauber to be a worthy candidate for the Historic Preservation Recognition Award.

Sincerely,

Billie Tone

Billie Tone
Corresponding Secretary
Santa Anita Chapter, NSDAR

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Monday, Jan 13 at 7:56 AM

From: Billie Tone <billie_tone@yahoo.com>

To: Floretta socialwhirl@verizon.net

Cc: Mary Ann Williams , Bev Doonan

Subject: Historic Preservation Recognition Award

Dear Floretta,
As you know, one of the main objectives of DAR is historic preservation. Members may be recognized for outstanding achievements in all areas of historic preservation, including buildings; landmarks; monuments; cemeteries; historic districts; statues; manuscripts; documents; archival materials; writing or compiling and publication of books on historic preservation projects; historical properties; genealogical and court house records; photographic collections; compiling of oral histories; serving as historic guides, interpreters or docents; or museum collections. An extensive application package is prepared by the local Chapter's Historic Preservation Chairman and forwarded to the National Vice Chairman-Historic Preservation Recognition Award, in Washington, DC, for consideration.
I am very pleased to tell you that your years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the establishment of the Education Center of the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage have earned you this prestigious award. Congratulations, we are all very proud to have you as a member of the Santa Anita Chapter.
Regent Mary Ann Williams will announce this recognition at our February 6 meeting. It seems appropriate that the formal presentation of your certificate and pin should take place at a City Council meeting. Please let me know if you will be available to accept the award on February 18, March 4 or 18 and I will coordinate with the City Manager's office and confirm the date with you.
Congratulations Floretta! This is quite an achievement.Billie Tone
Corresponding SecretarySanta Anita Chapter

Press Release – 1-14-14

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), is an international lineage and service organization with over 170,000 members in 3000 Chapters throughout the United States and overseas. The organization is dedicated to three major objectives; the promotion of education, patriotism and historic preservation. In adherence to these objectives, the Santa Anita Chapter, established in Arcadia in 1960, is proud to announce that after careful consideration, the National Historic Preservation Committee in Washington, DC, has granted their prestigious Historic Preservation Recognition Award to Floretta K. Lauber in recognition of her tireless efforts to keep history alive in the City of Arcadia including her outstanding contributions to the development of the City's Museum Education Center, an extension of the Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage.

Mrs. Lauber, a well-known figure in the community, spent years promoting interest in the Museum Education Center and it is largely due to her determination and vision that the facility is being established to serve the citizens of Arcadia and the surrounding community. A groundbreaking for the new facility was held on September 29, 2013, and opening is anticipated in Spring, 2014.

Regent, Mary Ann Williams, of Santa Anita Chapter, will present the award to Mrs. Lauber at the Arcadia City Council meeting on February 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Groundbreaking ceremony for Museum Education Center, Arcadia, CA, September 29, 2013. DAR Santa Anita Chapter members as follows: seated, left to right, Mary Ann Williams, Regent; Norma Finch, Treasurer. Standing, left to right, Ginny Blitz, Registrar; Julia Fendrick, Committee Chair; Floretta Lauber, honoree, and Billie Tone, Corresponding Secretary.

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Tuesday, Jun 18 at 11:19 AM

From: "Andrea Olivas" <aolivas@beaconmedianews.com>
To: socialwhirl@verizon.net
Subject: RE: Who sent the Flowers?

Yes Floretta, those are from us. After everything that you do for us I thought it would be a nice idea to send you some flowers for your birthday, Von agreed. Thank you for being part of our family!

Andrea Olivas
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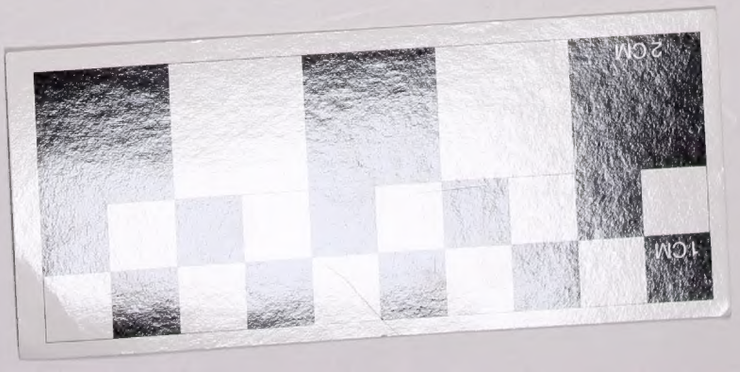
From: socialwhirl@verizon.net [mailto:socialwhirl@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 11:17 AM
To: aolivas@beaconmedianews.com
Subject: Who sent the Flowers?

Andrea,
Since you are the manager I'll start with you .
I just received a very big surprise from a florist delivering a lovely flower arrangement from Beacon Media News. I'm so appreciative of the thought
Please thank everyone involved and let me know.
XOX Floretta
I start my 18th year with the paper in September .



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Thursday, Jan 22 at 2:59 PM

From: Steven Gutierrez <stevenlg@ragerflooring.com>

To: socialwhirl@verizon.net

Subject: Re: Arcadia Host Lions Club Annual Children Christmas Party

Hello Floretta,
Thank you very much for putting our Children's Christmas Party Event in the Social World Newspaper, the club was very grateful of you for doing this.

On February 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.; the Arcadia Host Lions Club will be hosting its 78th Annual (club level) Student Speaker Contest.

I would like to see if you would be interested in covering this event.

The location will be at Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant, 125 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia California 91006.

This year student speaker contest topic will be "Water Conservation - How Can We Reduce, Recycle and Reclaim?"

On Saturday March 7, 2015 we will be hosting our Zone Level Student Speaker Contest.

I would like to ask you if you would be interested in participating as a judge.

The event will also be at Villa Catrina Mexican Restaurant, at 11:00 a.m.; if you should decide this doable with your schedule, I would greatly appreciate it, and if not, I can certainly understand.

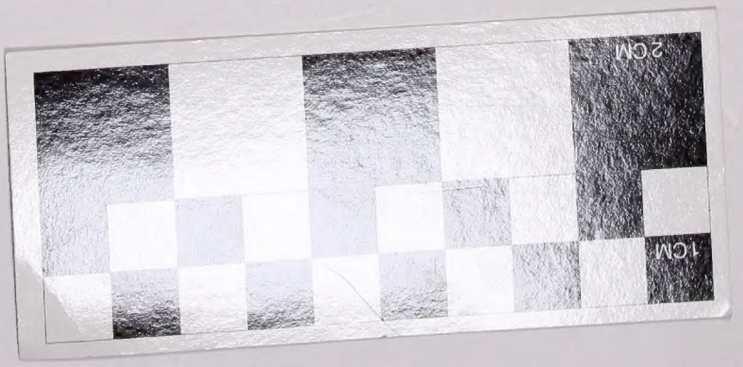
Your response regarding the above request is greatly appreciated.

You can email me at stevenlg@ragerflooring.com or call me directly at (626) 354-4729

Sincerely,
Steven L. Gutierrez
Arcadia Host Lions Club President
District A 4-L2 Zone Chair

On Wed, Jan 7, 2015 at 7:12 PM, <socialwhirl@verizon.net> wrote:

Hi Steve, was sorry to hear from Bev today that you have been quite ill.
Glad to get the e-mail from you. Why doesn't the club ever send me press releases? I have told you many times over the years I'm more than happy to cover you activities. You made me an honorary member years ago, I still have a have a grest deal of respect for the Lions Club.
I would enjoy coming to the children's party and covering it myself.
Now for the pictures, in the group picture of the club members I don't know who the older small woman is to the left in the front row. There are no really good pictures of the children and Santa Claus, do you have any more? I use to take them from the back or side shots so as not to show their faces.



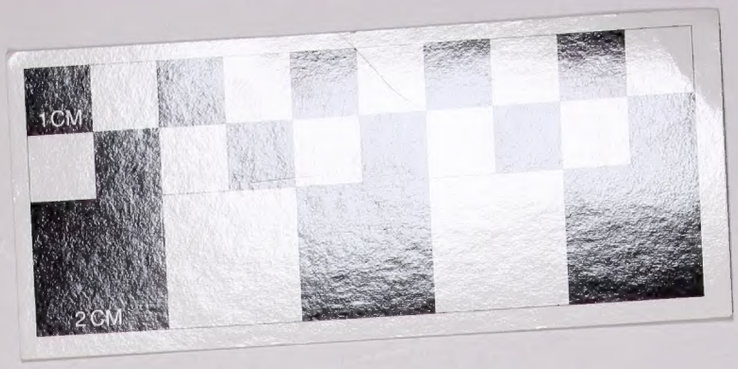
Arcadia's First Female Mayor Floretta Lauber Honored

Recognized for 50 Years of Community Service

Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic surprised Beacon Media's social columnist Floretta Lauber by proclaiming May 4, Floretta Lauber Day during a special ceremony at Arcadia Woman's Club Wednesday. Lauber was honored by the District Federation of Woman's Club's and received special recognition and a pin from Toby Kahan, CWWC and Linda Koontz SGVD President.

Keynote speaker for the event was Arcadia City Manager Don Penman . Beacon Media would like to add our two-cents to the accolades. Thanks Floretta for all you do. You're one in a million!

-Photo by Terry Miller



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(Non-profit Tax ID: 95-4504465)

December 30, 2013

To: Floretta K. Lauber
President, Arcadia Historical Museum Foundation and
President, Friends of the Arcadia Museum

Dear Mrs. Lauber,

Congratulations! You have been unanimously elected to be our 2014 ACA Community Services Award recipient. We have received many great recommendations and references regarding your dedication to the community of the City of Arcadia and its services. ACA is proud to acknowledge your accomplishments and delighted to have active citizens such as yourself in our community.

With much honor, ACA would like to invite you to attend the Senior Citizen Luncheon held on Friday, Feb. 14th,2014 at Arcadia Community Center at 11:00 am to personally accept your award. We would also like to extend our invitation to 4 additional guests whom you would like to celebrate with you at the presentation. Please respond to with your acceptance along with the number and the names of your guests who will attend the luncheon. Seating can then be reserved for you and your guests.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further question.

Again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Joanna Liang

Joanna Liang,
President of 2012-2014
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Cell: 626-456-4596